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TAGS: OVIP (FULBRIGHT, WILLIAM)

SUBJ: SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S ABU DHABI VISIT

BEIRUT POUCH BAGHDAD

1. SENATOR FULBRIGHT ARRIVED ABU DHABI FROM RIYADH VIA SAG PROVIDED PRIVATE AIRCRAFT NOON JUNE 6. HIS PROGRAM, ARRANGED BY THE MFA, INCLUDED MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI AND SENIOR MFA AND MINISTRY OF INFORMATION OFFICIALS. AMBASSADOR HOSTED DINNER IN FULBRIGHT'S HONOR.

2. ON JUNE 7 FULBRIGHT AND PARTY DROVE TO AL AIN FOR THREE HOUR MEETING AND LUNCH WITH UAE RULER SHAIKH ZAYED. EMBASSY TOLD BY MEMBER OF SENATOR'S PARTY THAT SHAIKH ZAYED EXPRESSED TO SENATOR HIS BELIEF THAT THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT CANNOT BE SOLVED EITHER  
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BY WAR OR BIG POWER MEDIATION. HE SEES SOLUTION ONLY IN DIRECT

DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE CONFRONTATION STATES. TO THE SENATOR'S SUGGESTION THAT IN THE NAME OF PEACE HE MAKE SUCH STATEMENT IN PUBLIC, THE RULER STATED THAT HE CANNOT DUE TO CONTINUOUS PRESSURE FROM RESIDENT AND VISITING PALESTINIANS WHO SEEK HIS HELP IN ENABLING THEM TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND LAND. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS PRESENT DURING THIS DISCUSSION.

3. A DINNER WAS GIVEN IN FULBRIGHT'S HONOR IN ABU DHABI BY THE MFA. FULBRIGHT THANKED THE UAEG FOR ITS HOSPITALITY. HE COUNSELED PATIENCE WITH AMERICA, REMINDING THE DINNER AUDIENCE THAT THE US, CONTRARY TO THE ARAB WORLD'S LONG HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION, IS BUT A YOUNG COUNTRY. TIME WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE US TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS AND BECOME INFORMED ON THE REAL ISSUES OF THE AREA. THE SENATOR DEPARTED MORNING OF NINTH FOR DOHA VIA UAE PROVIDED AIRCRAFT.

4. TV, RADIO AND PRESS COVERAGE OF FULBRIGHT'S VISIT WAS EXTENSIVE. IN A FULL PAGE INTERVIEW OF JUNE 9 ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DAILY "AL-ITTIHAD", SENATOR FULBRIGHT STATED THAT "THE LETTER FROM THE 76 SENATORS TO PRESIDENT FORD DOES NOT MEAN MUCH." THE SENATOR EXPLAINED TO THE PAPER THAT "THOSE WHO SIGNED IT HAVE CITIZENS OF JEWISH ORIGIN AMONG THEIR FRIENDS. THEY INCLUDE BUSINESSMEN, INTELLECTUALS, ETC. LIVING IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES. THE SENATORS WERE REQUESTED BY THESE FRIENDS TO SIGN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT IN SYMPATHY WITH ISRAEL..... THIS DOES NOT MEAN THESE SENATORS WILL VOTE FOR WAR..... AS YOU KNOW, 24 OF THESE SENATORS DID NOT SIGN THE LETTER. THOSE WHO SIGNED IT WERE NOT EXPERTS IN POLITICS (SIC) AND THEY WERE ONLY CONSIDERING THEIR OWN LOCAL INTERESTS AND THEIR JOBS. A FEW OF THEM ARE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE ISSUES WE ARE TALKING ABOUT."

5. COMMENT: SENATOR FULBRIGHT, IN ALL HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, SAID HE BELIEVED PRESIDENT TRYING TO BRING A JUST SOLUTION TO THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. ARABBS, WHO CONSIDER FULBRIGHT A HIGHLY RESPECTED AND TRUSTED US STATESMAN, WERE OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH HIS VIEWS. FULBRIGHT STRESSED THAT HE SPOKE AS PRIVATE CITIZEN AND HIS DESIRE WAS TO MAKE HIS VIEWS UNDERSTOOD AT THIS TIME WHEN USG IS WORKING TOWARD A SOLUTION IN THIS TROUBLED AREA.

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